

A CHURCH DOOR MURDER.

A SENSATIONAL SUNDAY TRAGEDY, IN

**The Scandalous Rawson Divorce Case
Culminates in a Tragedy—The Woman
in the Case Formerly a Clerk in the
Departments at Washington.**

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—In a throng of people at the church door of one of the most fashionable churches in the city, a man of gray hair and a million-dollar bank president was remorselessly shot to death by his stepson to avenge or shield a woman charged with continued adultery. The woman was no less a person than Mrs. Rawson, wife of the banker shot and mother of the assassin.

The banker, Stephen W. Rawson, president of the Union Trust Co., was shot by his stepson, William Lee, 17, the stepson of a Banker Rawson, with five bullets in his body, and apparently in a dying condition, was hastily picked out of the spot stricken curb, and bundled into a taxicab where he was hurried to the hospital, waiting for the wealthy workshippers.

Young Lee, with empty, still smoking revolver in hand, was hurriedly taken into a different conveyance—the light wagon of the police patrol. Rawson had been charged by his wife with perjury and other offenses, and on Oct. 15, had been released that she, although prominent in society, and a beautiful woman in appearance, was really a cold, calculating, and unscrupulous, untempered adventuress, who coveted only his money. For a year or more the two have been fighting each other in the divorce courts, and the result has been that Young Lee filed against her additional charges of adultery.

His hands are thought to be fatal. The murderer was arrested at his own request. When apprised of the murder, Mrs. Rawson said in a report, "I am glad of it. I have deserved it."

"What was done?"

"Because Rawson has made out on the evidence that I am a prostitute," (Young Lee stood by the boy," she cried, raising her

Then she began to pace to and fro over the heavily carpeted floor. "I intended it to do it myself," she exclaimed, suddenly, stepping in the middle of the room.

Mrs. Rawson has led a checkered life. She was married to a man who was a divorcee and, as a department clerk in the government service at Washington in 1912, understood to have been concerned in some of the decidedly sensational incidents. Rawson's declaration that his wife had made false representations to him to get him to marry her, was a representation of the same kind. The widow of Chas. G. Lee, who left her comfortably off and the mother of two children, He further in divorce proceedings testified that his wife was married in New Orleans

Arkadelphia, Ark., and that a divorce obtained from Slaymaker a few years later was illegal, consequently the marriage was the defendant should be declared void. On Aug. 6, 1886, he refused to place any money to her credit at the bank, and September 29 she was refused admittance to his house and her belongings left on guard to prevent her gaining entrance. While the divorce was pending a porter on a St. Louis sleeper testified that Mrs. Rawson had occupied the berth with a strange man on his sleeper. This story was partially corroborated by

these allegations were "culpably denied" by Mrs. Rawson, and later the colored porter was brought up before Justice Lyon on the charge of perjury when he acknowledged the truthfulness of his story.

Star of Hope Juvenile Temple.

session yesterday afternoon. Two new members were initiated. Among those who responded to the call of the chairman of the board of the order, Miss Lucy McKim, were the following: Grand Chief Whitney, excellent remarks and interrogations calculated to teach; Slater, Emily Bishop, superintendent.

interesting remarks; Master Harrington, Undine Temple, in several selections on the piano; Bessie Newbold, in a recitation; Superintendent Bollinger, in a piano solo; Grand Marshal Money, in remarks; E. Mathewson, in a recitation; F. J. Saxo, in remarks; and the choir, in a song.

Lucy and Jennie McKim, and Mollie Shepherd, and Ella Browne; a recitation by Edith Perkins; a piano duet by Superintendent Bollinger and Mollie Shepherd; recitation by P. McGuire, and remarks by Grand Secretary Dony, Grand Sentinel M. Daniels, Grand Superintendent Russell, Assistant Superintendent Sister Gruber, Superintendent Bollinger, Grand Guard Sister Money, Sister Bollinger, and Sister Cooley.

A Washington special to the Chicago Tribune says Henry H. Smith, the journal clerk of the House of Representatives, has presented to Secretary Fairchild, on behalf of the citizens of Charlevoix, Mich., a petition praying that

presented to Miss Mary Wakefield, Charlevoix, for her bravery in saving the life of a child. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized by law to grant med-

Funeral of S. V. Niles.
The funeral of the late S. V. Niles was largely attended yesterday afternoon.

ceased's residence 1733 I street, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Leonard, pastor of St. John's Church. The floral tributes were very profuse and beautiful. Among the mourners was Mrs. Hendricks, widow of vice-President Hendricks, who

Messrs. H. A. Goldsborough, Enoch Tott, Beverly Robinson, and Messrs. Doran, Offley, and Johnson, clerks in the office of the deceased. The interment was made in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Washington wheelmen visited Baltimore on Saturday and attended the fall races of the Associated Cycling Clubs of that city and won six out of the ten races on the program. Among the winners of first and second prizes were Geo. S. Atwater, (A)

E. B. Eisenbrandt, P. S. Brown, W. Crist, and C. R. Eisenbrandt. The accident that occurred happened to Muhleisen, jr., of this city, who fell making his maiden effort for a record.

Mr. F. L. Capen, the well-known weather prophet, gives the following predictions for a part of the present month. The October earthquake period reaches from Oct. 13 to 25. Its critical days are from 19th to 23d or 24th. The strength of

trated, and in due time will send us better tidings. Please comfort your readers with the assurance that this current seven years volcanic era is more than half transient, and shocks will soon become less frequent and less violent.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina—Warmer weather, light to fresh southeasterly winds. Thermometric readings—7 a. m., 31°; 10 a. m., 61°; 11 p. m., 53°; mean temperature, 51°.

relative humidity, 92.5%; total precipitation
.00 inches
